

CONSTITUENT WORK WEEK KIT

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THE PLEDGE IS THE PLAN.

House Republicans continued to work towards fulfilling the Pledge to America:

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- We voted on a stand-alone bill to end federal funding for NPR.

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By the Numbers

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\$24.8 billion reduced government spending

\$24.7 billion reduced taxpayer burden

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2nd Short-Term CR (H.J.Res. 48)

\$6 billion reduced government spending













NSP Termination Act (H.R. 861)

Potential savings of \$1 billion if law enacted quickly before funds can be obligated

–THE CUTTING BOARD–

112th Congress Spending Cuts

I've helped change the culture in Washington from one of weekly votes to increase spending to one of weekly votes to cut job-destroying spending.

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- ✓ I voted to cut over \$100 billion of spending in H.R. 1

And even more to come...



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Talking Points on Housing Bills

The best way to help homeowners prevent foreclosures is with a job.

The House considered legislation this month that will terminate three costly and ineffective government foreclosure mitigation programs that will save taxpayers money and help create an environment for job-creators to hire more workers.

The lack of jobs—not unsustainable mortgage terms—is now the driving force behind foreclosures and mortgage defaults. That is why job creation—not government spending—is the most effective tool to prevent further foreclosures.

The unemployment rate has now hovered around or above 9 percent for the past 22 months, topping 8 percent for the last 25 months. To restore certainty to the economy and foster job growth, we must stop spending money that we don't have. Historic debt leads to historic tax increases, which stifles job growth.

In order to grow the economy and provide an environment in which Americans can prosper, we need to end expensive and ineffective government programs and remove the barriers of uncertainty that prevent employers from hiring.

CREATE JOBS, END ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY, AND MAKE AMERICA MORE COMPETITIVE

Talking Points on 1099 Repeal

House Republicans fulfilled another commitment of our pledge by repealing the job-destroying tax reporting mandate that ObamaCare imposed on small businesses.

When it comes to job creation, our nation's small business owners and the voters have called for Washington to rein in the red tape.

Less costly paperwork for America's job creators means more jobs for American workers.

Cut the red tape and you'll cut the unemployment rate.

We should empower America's small business owners to fill out new W-4s; not force them to fill out new 1099s.

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Talking Points on Spending Cuts

To help create jobs and save our children from national bankruptcy, we must stop spending money we don't have. House Republicans will continue our work to keep the government running while cutting the Democrats' job-destroying spending.

House Republicans have cut \$10 billion in funding since March 4th.

The most recent resolution includes \$6 billion in spending cuts – \$2 billion for each week of funding – that meets our commitment to cut spending in order to foster job creation and economic growth.

House Republicans passed \$61 billion in cuts in H.R. 1, which funds the government through the end of September. In contrast, Senate Democrats offered less than \$6 billion in cuts in their proposal to fund the government through the rest of the fiscal year, meeting us only 1/10th of the way.

Just like the previous bills, cuts in H.J. Res 48 include funding reductions, program terminations, and the elimination of earmark slush fund accounts.

All of these spending cuts were also included in H.R. 1 – the House-passed legislation that returns spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels. H.R. 1 received 44 votes in the Senate – more than the Democrat alternative to only cut \$6 billion in spending, but not enough for passage.

THE FACTS ABOUT OUR DEBT:

CHAPTER I OF SHARING THE FACTS WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS

A March 2011 poll by The Tarrance Group found that there are “widespread misperceptions about the state of the federal budget.”

Poll finding: “A majority of voters incorrectly believe the federal government spends more on defense/foreign aid than it does on Medicare and Social Security (63%).”

- Last year, the federal government spent \$3.5 trillion dollars. Defense and foreign aid spending took up about 22 percent,^[1] while the majority of spending goes toward entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Poll finding: “Also, a similar majority (60%) incorrectly believes problems with the federal budget can be fixed by just eliminating waste, fraud and abuse.”

- Eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse is vital to changing the spending culture in Washington. The GAO [released a report](#) outlining billions of dollars in duplicative and wasteful government programs, agencies, and offices. Failing to reform entitlements, however, would not take our country off the road to bankruptcy.

Poll finding: “Less than half (44%) believe Medicare and Social Security costs are a major source of problems for the federal budget (49% disagree).”

- Social Security and Medicare, which millions of Americans depend on, are on an unsustainable fiscal path. According to the most recent Trustees report, Social Security has a \$7.9 trillion shortfall and Medicare is \$30.8 trillion short of meeting its obligations.^[2]

What does this polling tell us? We need to share the facts about our budget with our constituents. And we need to do it now. Next month, your budget will address entitlement spending. You need to ensure that your constituents understand the breadth and depth of the budget crisis before we start to talk about solutions.

How can you lead this conversation? At the direction of the leadership, Conference convened a team of your colleagues to come up with a simple, compelling, universal presentation that everyone in our Conference can use. You can download the presentation here. GOP.gov/workweek

^[1] Congressional Budget Office, *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2011 to 2021*. Combined Defense and International Affairs spending in FY 2010 totaled \$772 billion. http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/120xx/doc12039/01-26_FY2011Outlook.pdf

^[2] The Heritage Foundation, *Trustees Report: Social Security and Medicare are Unsustainable*. August 5th, 2010. <http://blog.heritage.org/2010/08/05/trustees-report-social-security-and-medicare-are-unsustainable/>

The presentation follows a basic format that is outlined below. You are encouraged to personalize the presentation for your own district. You can add anecdotes, examples of local businesses, and photos of your own children to illustrate the points made in the presentation. But the most important thing is that you have this conversation.

The script for the presentation lays out logical facts in the following outline:

- We have a debt crisis threatening our nation.
- The debt crisis threatens our job growth, our national security, and our children's future.
- We have a debt crisis because Washington spends too much, not because Washington taxes too little.
- This spending problem comes from automatic spending: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- Why are these programs growing so fast?
- What happens if we do nothing and maintain the status quo?
- What are our principles to save and strengthen Medicare and Social Security?
- We have a choice of two futures.

At the end of this presentation, the goal is for your constituents to agree with you and understand the problem, and then go out and talk to their friends, neighbors, family members, and coworkers, to spread the knowledge about the crisis.

House Republicans are ready to talk about this and lead the country to a solution.

REMINDER – ANNIVERSARY OF OBAMACARE

The one year anniversary of President Obama signing his health care reform into law is Wednesday, March 23rd. Please use this as an opportunity to remind your constituents of House Republicans actions to REPEAL ObamaCare and our work to REPLACE it with better solutions.

- March 23, 2010 – President Obama signs his health care reform bill into law.
- January 19th, 2011 – House Republicans bring a bill to the floor to REPEAL ObamaCare that passed with bipartisan support by a vote of 245-189.

Repeal of ObamaCare

Last year, Democrats used closed-door deals to pass a healthcare takeover despite broad opposition from the American people. Because the new healthcare law kills jobs, raises taxes, expands government control, and increases the cost of health care, we took immediate action to repeal this law.

The American people did not want a 2,801-page bill that increases uncertainty in the economy. The election last November sent a loud message to Washington that the American people want the Democrats' massive government takeover of healthcare repealed.

This year, we passed a simple, two-page bill to repeal the job-killing healthcare law. Members were able to go on record as either for repeal or against it—plainly demonstrating their position on federally-managed healthcare.

Yet the work is only just beginning.

On the following pages, please find information courtesy of the House Majority Whip on House Republican efforts to defund and dismantle ObamaCare through committee action and further votes.

OBAMACARE WATCH

Courtesy of the Office of the Majority Whip

What has already been done regarding Obamacare? House Republicans have tackled Obamacare on all fronts and share the same end goal: full repeal. Below is a compilation of floor and committee actions to fight Obamacare.

Floor Action

On January 19, 2011, the House passed, H.R. 2, the *Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act*. One of the House's first official actions was to repeal Obamacare in its entirety and instruct the committees of jurisdiction to begin work on finding common sense patient-centered replacement legislation.

On February 19, 2011, the House passed H.R. 1, the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011*: The House passed several substantial bipartisan amendments to H.R. 1 that would severely handicap implementation of Obamacare:

- **The Rehberg Amendment #575:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used for any employee, officer, contractor or grantee of any department or agency funded in this title (**Labor & HHS**) to implement the health care provisions of Obamacare. (*passed: 239-187*)
- **The King Amendment #267:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used to implement Obamacare. (*passed: 241-197*)
- **The King Amendment #268:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used to pay **officials** who implement Obamacare. (*passed: 237-191*)
- **The Emerson Amendment #83:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used by the **IRS** to implement or enforce provisions on Obamacare related to the reporting of health insurance coverage. (*passed: 246-182*)
- **The Price Amendment #409:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used by HHS to implement or enforce the **Medical Loss Ratio (MLR)** provision. (*passed: 241-185*)
- **The Burgess Amendment #200** would prohibit any funds in this Act to be used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the **Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIO)**. (*passed: 239-182*)
- **The Pitts Amendment #430:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used for an officer or employee at HHS, IRS, and Labor to do any action to specify or define, through regulations, guidelines, or otherwise, **essential benefits as required in Obamacare**. (*passed: 239-183*)
- **The Gardner Amendment #79:** Provides that no funds in the Act may be used to pay the salary of any employee or officer of the HHS who develops or promulgates regulations or guidance regarding **Exchanges** under Obamacare. (*passed: 241-184*)

- **The Hayworth Amendment #567:** Provides that no funds in this Act may be used to implement the **Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)** created under Obamacare. *(Accepted by voice vote)*

On March 3, 2011, the House passed H.R. 4, the *Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act of 2011*. H.R. 4 repealed the job-killing Form 1099 reporting requirements that were added in Obamacare strictly as a way to help finance Obamacare. This provision has a real detrimental impact on small businesses and Americans believe it needs to be repealed.

Committee Action

The Committees have been at work conduct oversight on Obamacare through relentless hearings and markups.

Energy and Commerce Committee

- On February 9, 2011, the Health Subcommittee held a hearing (followed by full Committee markup on February 15, 2011) on the “Protect Life Act” which amends Obamacare to modify special rules relating to coverage of abortion services under the bill.
- On February 16, 2011, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee held a hearing on “Health Care Issues Involving the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight” that was created in Obamacare.
- On March 1, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on the “Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform” where Governors shared their experiences with the federal mandates included in the bill, particularly the burdens imposed by requirements to maintain their Medicaid eligibility in return for federal dollars.
- On March 3, 2011, the Health Subcommittee held a hearing to examine the President’s Proposed FY2012 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department’s activities related to implementing Obamacare. The sole witness was Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of HHS.
- On March 9, 2011, the Health Subcommittee held a hearing on “Setting Fiscal Priorities in Health Care Funding” as it relates to Obamacare where it targeted various slush funds to eliminate.
- On March 17, 2011, the Health Subcommittee held a hearing on the “Implementation and Sustainability of the New, Government-Administered Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Program” a government-sponsored long term care insurance program that was created in Obamacare and faced major opposition from some Senate Democrats, including Senator Conrad, the Chairman of the Budget Committee, who called it a “Ponzi Scheme.”

Ways and Means Committee

- On January 26, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on the impact Obamacare will have on the U.S. economy and employers’ ability to hire new workers and retain existing employees.

- February 10, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on the Obamacare’s impact on the Medicare program and its beneficiaries. Witnesses included CMS Administrator, Donald Berwick and CMS Chief Actuary, Richard Foster.
- On February 16, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.
- On Feb 17, 2011, the Committee marked up and reported out, H.R. 4: the “Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011” which repealed the burdensome IRS Form 1099 requirements in Obamacare.

Education and the Workforce Committee

On February 9, 2011, the full Committee held a hearing on the “Impact of the Health Care Law on the Economy, Employers, and the Workforce.”

- On March 10, 2011, the Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee held a hearing on the “Pressures of Rising Cost on Employer Provided Health Care” where they examined how Obamacare contributes to increased costs and places additional burdens on employer-provided health care.

Budget Committee

- On January 26, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on the “Fiscal Consequences of the New Health Care Law” where the Obama Administration’s own non-partisan actuary for Medicare, testified that the Obamacare’s much-touted savings were unlikely to materialize; that it would drive health care costs higher, not bend them down; and that the new spending entailed by the law would probably be much higher than originally projected.

Judiciary Committee

- On February 16, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on the “Constitutionality of the Individual Mandate” created in Obamacare.

Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- On March 15, 2011, the Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives Subcommittee held a hearing on the “Obamacare: Why the need for waivers?” in response to the Obama Administration picking winners and losers through exempting over 1,000 companies from certain requirements in the law.

What can be done? House Republicans will continue to dismantle Obamacare through more votes and hearings in the House. House Republicans are working to defund some of the mandatory spending “slush funds” created in Obamacare, a topic on which there was a hearing last week in the Committee on Energy and Commerce. We will do whatever we can to ensure this law is never fully implemented. Obamacare must be repealed and replaced with common-sense reforms that lower health care costs.

INCREASING AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION WILL LOWER GASOLINE PRICES, CREATE MORE JOBS

Courtesy of the House Natural Resources Committee and Energy and Commerce Committee

- House Republicans have launched the American Energy Initiative. It's an ongoing effort to stop government policies that are driving up gasoline prices; expand American energy production to lower costs and create more jobs; and promote an 'all of the above' strategy to increase all forms of American energy.
- Rising gasoline prices are hurting American families, businesses and our economy. According to an analyst from Cameron Hanover, for every penny the price of gasoline increases, it costs consumers an additional \$4 million per day. That equals \$1.4 billion over an entire year. Even the smallest increase in gasoline prices has a significant impact on our economy.
- The instability in the Middle East and North Africa underscores the need to actively produce our own American energy resources. According to a recently released Congressional Research Service (CRS) report, the United States combined recoverable oil, natural gas, and coal resources is 1.3 trillion barrels of oil equivalent – the largest in the world. Expanding American energy production will lower prices, create new American jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, strengthen our national security and raise revenue to help tackle the \$14 trillion national debt.
- Since taking office, the Obama Administration has actively taken steps to block or delay American energy production, making the U.S. more reliant on unstable foreign countries for our energy.
- At the same time, the Obama Administration's Environmental Protection Agency has been pursuing an aggressive anti-business agenda with no congressional authorization, attempting to impose a job-destroying national energy tax with regulations under the Clean Air Act. These regulations would make gasoline and electricity even more expensive at a time when Americans can least afford it, imperiling job creation and economic growth.
- The Obama Administration has recently cited statistics on increased U.S. oil production. However, the Administration is trying to take credit for actions that were put in place before they took office. The Administration's policies are blocking American energy production. This is why future projections show both a decline in production and an increase in imports. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total U.S. crude oil production will decline by 110,000 barrels per day in 2011 and 130,000 barrels per day in 2012.
- The following steps should be taken to increase American energy production, provide families with relief at the pump, and create American jobs:

- ▶ **End De Facto Drilling Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico.** The Interior Department's decision to issue only a handful of shallow water permits and two deepwater permits since the Deepwater Horizon explosion last April is hurting our economy. According to the Administration's own estimates, the moratorium has resulted in 12,000 lost jobs and rigs are actively leaving the Gulf for Africa and South America. According to the EIA, production in the Gulf has declined by nearly 300,000 barrels a day since last April.
- ▶ **Increase Offshore Production.** President Obama has placed the entire Pacific Coast, Atlantic Coast and the Eastern Gulf off-limits to future energy production – as it was before Congress lifted the moratorium in 2008. A good portion of Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf is also being kept under lock-and-key. According to the American Energy Alliance, expanding drilling in the OCS could create 1.2 million jobs annually across the country and generate \$8 trillion in economic output.
- ▶ **Increase Alaskan Production.** Declining production on the Alaskan north slope threatens the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (TAPS), a vital artery of domestic oil. Several fields with tremendous potential await exploration and production, but the Administration continues to drag its heels on permits and embargo our own oil from ourselves. New production is needed to keep TAPS running and provide a safe and secure source of oil for the Lower 48 states. The Administration is also blocking development of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), which according to the USGS holds nearly 1 billion barrels of oil and 53 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.
- ▶ **Increase Onshore Production.** Regulations imposed by the Obama Administration have significantly decreased onshore oil and natural gas production. BLM oil and gas leasing in the Rocky Mountain West (CO, NM, UT, WY, MT and ND) has fallen by 67% since 2005. In addition, the Western U.S. holds more than half of the world's oil shale resources, which can be converted to crude oil using new technology. USGS estimates that the region may hold more than 1.5 trillion barrels of oil - six times Saudi Arabia's proven resources - and enough to provide the U.S. with energy for the next 200 years.
- ▶ **Stop Blocking Access to North American Resources.** Instead of relying on energy sources half a world away, America has opportunities to access energy from an ally and neighbor here in North America. Preventing that from happening, the Obama Administration is stalling approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would create new American jobs while enhancing our energy and national security by bringing 700,000 barrels per day of Canadian oil to U.S. consumers. The Keystone XL pipeline would also allow us to access several hundred thousand barrels per day of oil in the newly-discovered Bakken formation in North Dakota.
- ▶ **Don't Increase Taxes on American Energy.** Republicans oppose efforts by the Obama Administration to make energy more expensive and destroy jobs by imposing new taxes. The President's FY 2012 budget proposal includes over \$60 billion in tax and fee increases on American energy production. These taxes will hurt our economy and simply be passed on to consumers, resulting in even higher prices at the pump.

THE AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE: COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Energy and Commerce

Hearings

- Oversight of DOE Recovery Act Spending, Oversight and Investigations (3/17/11)
- The American Energy Initiative, Energy and Power (3/17/11)
- FY2012 Departments of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budgets, Energy and Power/Environment and the Economy (3/16/11)
- The FY2012 EPA Budget, Energy and Power/Environment and the Economy (3/11/11)
- Climate Science and EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations, Energy and Power (3/8/11)
- EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations and Their Effect on American Jobs, Energy and Power (3/1/11)
- Environmental Regulations, the Economy, and Jobs, Environment and the Economy (2/15/11)
- The Effects of Middle East Events on U.S. Energy Markets, Energy and Power (2/10/11)
- Hearing on H.R. __, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011, Energy and Power (2/9/11)
- The Views of the Administration on Regulatory Reform, Oversight and Investigations (1/26/11)

Markups

- H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011
 - ▶ Approved by the Energy and Power Subcommittee by voice vote (3/10/11)
 - ▶ Approved by the full Energy and Commerce Committee by a vote of 34-19 (3/15/11)

Natural Resources

Hearings

- Field Hearing in Louisiana on offshore energy production and the Administration's de facto moratorium (4/11)
- Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families (3/31/11)
- Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (3/30/11)
- Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts (3/17/11)
- The Obama Administration's De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico: Community and Economic Impacts (3/16/11)
- Department of the Interior Spending and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal (3/3/11)
- The Final Report from the President's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling (3/26/11)

MSU UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE

Course	Professor	Dates
<i>Reagan School of Communications</i>		
Mano y Mano w the Media: a Course for you and your press secretary	Marsha Blackburn	March 30 th at 4 PM & April 6 th at 4 PM
<i>Adams School of Constituent Services</i>		
Let Your Fingers Do the Walking – Hosting a Successful Teletown Hal for You and Your Constituents	Dan Lungren	April 6 th at 2pm
<i>School of Policy</i>		
From Your Head to the Hopper – Introducing Your First (a) Bill	Tom Price	March 31 at 3:30 PM & April 5 at 4:30 PM
<i>School of Ethics</i>		
Avoiding a Financial Fiasco – Successfully Completing Your 2011 Disclosure	House Ethics Committee Staff	April 13 at 4pm & April 14 th at 3 pm
<i>School of Floor Procedure</i>		
Members Only Parliamentary Boot Camp	Hugh Halpern	March 29 th at 4pm

ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES

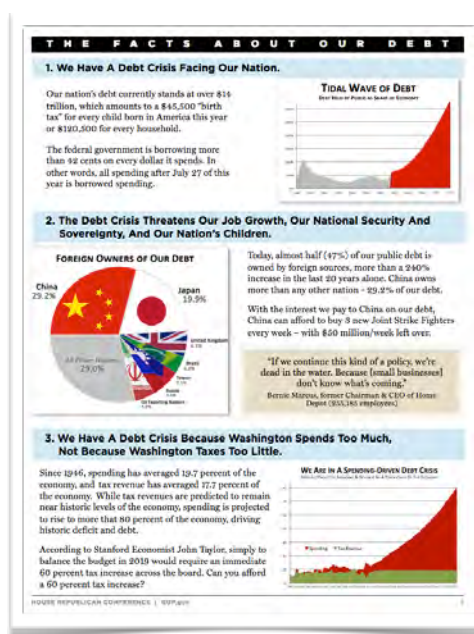
GOP.gov/workweek

Note: Members who wish to use any of these resources should be aware that outside printing expenses over \$350 must be submitted for pre-approval to the Franking Commission. Please contact the Committee on House Administration at (202) 225-8281 with any questions.

Conference Video: “Reality Check”



The Facts About Our Debt
One Pager



The Facts About Our Debt
Slideshow



Pledge Checklist	
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<p align="center">“Cutting Board” Checklist</p>
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As of press time, cuts contained in the CR were over \$100 billion and counting... bringing the total savings under the House Republican majority to approximately \$756 billion.

- After taking office, the Obama Administration has repeatedly blocked American energy production – costing jobs, hurting the economy and increasing dependence on foreign energy.
- Imposed a de facto drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Placed the entire Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, the Eastern Gulf and parts of Alaska off limits to new offshore drilling.
- Cancelled 77 leases in Utah, just weeks after taking office. Months later offered only 17 of the leases.
- Delayed oil shale development leases.
- Blocked development of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).
- The EPA is attempting to impose a pollution tax on natural gas production with regulations under the Clean Air Act.
- Retrospectively withdrew a federal permit for a coal mine in West Virginia, costing jobs across the region.
- Stalled approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, which could bring 700,000 barrels per day of Canadian oil to the U.S.
- Proposed over \$60 billion in tax and fee increases on American energy production in the last 100 days of the Obama

- House Republicans have launched the American Energy Initiative - an ongoing effort to stave government policies that are raising gasoline prices, expand American energy production to lower costs and create new jobs, and promote an "all-of-the-above" strategy to increase all forms of American energy.
- Rising gasoline prices are hurting families, businesses and our economy.
- For every penny the price of gasoline increases, it costs consumers an additional \$4 million per day.
- The instability in the Middle East and North Africa underscores the need to actively produce our own American energy resources.
- According to a recently released CRS report, the United States consumed more than 100 million barrels of oil equivalent - 1.3 billion barrels of oil equivalent - the largest in the world.
- Expanding American energy production will lower prices, create new American jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, strengthen our national security and raise the U.S. to the \$14 trillion national debt.